

Catholic Partnership Parishes

Saint James and Saint Katharine Drexel

Serving the Washington County Area

Divine Mercy Sunday ie Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023



Mass Schedule & Locations

SAINT JAMES PARISH

Weekday and Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM Saint Hilary

> Immaculate Conception 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM Saint Hilary

9:00 AM Sacred Heart

10:30 AM Immaculate Conception

Radio Mass WJPA-AM 1450

12:15 PM Immaculate Conception

Weekdays: Monday-Friday

> 6:30 AM & 12:00 PM Immaculate Conception

Monday: 7:00 PM Saint Hilary

Saturday: 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception

Sacrament of Penance

Mondays 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM - Saint Hilary Saturdays 9:30 AM - Immaculate Conception

Also available by appointment

Holy Hour/Adoration

Mondays 6:00 PM Saint Hilary Monday thru Friday 11:00 AM Thursdays 6:30 PM Immaculate Conception

> Details are available on our website (on our calendar) or by calling the parish office, ext. 206.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

Weekday and Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM Bentleyville Main Church,

9:00 AM Richeyville Mission Church, Sunday:

10:00 AM California University of PA Campus

(during the school year only)

11:00 AM Bentleyville Main Church,

M Tu Th F 8:30 AM Richevville Mission Church (Wednesday - NO Mass)

Bentleyville - Drexel Hall Chapel

Mon.- Fri. 9:00 AM (Monday through Friday Mass)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM—Bentleyville Main Church Sunday 8:20 AM - 8:45 AM—Richeyville Mission Church

> Also available by appointment. Contact the administration center. 724-209-1370



SAINT JAMES PARISH OFFICE

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Fax: 724-229-7946

Email: office@stjameswashpa.org www.stjameswashpa.org

Office Hours

M-F 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Churches

Immaculate Conception 119 West Chestnut Street Washington, PA 15301

Saint Hilary 320 Henderson Avenue Washington, PA 15301

Sacred Heart Main Street Claysville, PA 15323

John F. Kennedy Catholic School 724-225-1680

111 W. Spruce Street Washington, PA 15301

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> Phone: 724-209-1370 Fax: 724-987-7204

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday: 8:00 AM-12 NOON Monday & Friday (closed)

Churches

Bentleyville Main Church 126 Church Street, Bentleyville, PA 15314

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Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services:

Catholic Charities has a local office and is willing to help. They provide free, confidential pregnancy testing; counseling and education; and free infantcare items to expectant parents and the parents of children up to the age of 2. All Pregnancy and Parenting services are free and available to all who approach us for help.

> Call: (724) 228-7722 331 S. Main Street Washington, PA 15301

Victim's Assistance Hotline

Diocese of Pittsburgh: 1-888-808-1235

x416

Commonwealth of PA: 1-800-932-0313

Call 911 Immediately if a child is in danger!

The ChildLine and Abuse Registry is available 24 hours to receive reports of suspected child abuse. Any person may report suspected abuse and remain anonymous.

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

From the Desk of Reverend Edward L. Yuhas **Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen!

It was our late and beloved Holy Father, Pope Saint John Paul II Reverend Edward L. Yuhas who, in the jubilee year 2000, established that the second Sunday of Easter is to be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday."



This observance is attributed to Saint Faustina Kowalska who, in a vision from the Lord in the year 1931, was told to make the world more aware of Jesus as the one who is for us the Divine Mercy of God. In the vision to Faustina, the Lord appeared in a white robe, one of his hands was raised in a gesture of blessing and the other hand was touching his heart. From beneath the Lord's garment, there were two rays, one red and the other a pale white. Jesus spoke to Faustina and told her that one ray represented his Precious Blood and the other water, which for us in the Church reminds us of the Passion account of Good Friday when the soldier pierced the side of Jesus and the Scriptures tell us that from the side of our Lord's body, there came flowing blood and water, a reminder to us of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Most Holy Eucharist.

At every celebration of the Mass, when the priest or deacon stands at the altar, he commemorates that moment when blood and water flowed from the pierced side of Jesus when the priest mixes a little water with the wine in the chalice. The priest or deacon, when mixing the water with the wine prays these words quietly to himself, saying: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself in our humanity."

The meaning of the liturgy as we celebrate it today calls each of us to bear the Easter message of the Gospel that in every age Jesus needs us to continue to care for the needs of each other. Caring as Christ does means living a life that offers hope that the Lord's Divine Mercy is open to all people, especially those who are most in need of healing. May we strive to mirror the Divine Mercy of Christ in our daily lives of faith.

As we continue the celebration of the glorious season of Easter through the liturgy for the next six weeks, this second Sunday of Easter is a powerful reminder of the Divine Mercy God has shown us in the gift of Jesus his Son.

> "For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray - that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy."

> > ~Saint Faustina Kowalska~

Sincere Appreciation

Throughout the season of Lent and now Easter, both our parishes are blessed with the Biblical understanding of stewardship among so many who volunteer their time, talent and treasure.

Words of sincere appreciation and gratitude are extended to all those who have labored to provide us with such a beautiful season of Lent and Easter:

Music Ministry

To Dr. Kathy Sacco at Saint James and Jane Chmiel at Saint Katharine Drexel, all of our choir members and all our instrumentalists at both parishes for the blend of music and voices, raising our spirits and inspiring us to more fervent faith through the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy – we are most grateful for your sincere dedication of countless hours of rehearsals and for the prayerful liturgies for Lent, Holy Week and now the Easter season!

Environment and Art Committee

To Alana Garrison at Saint
James and to the volunteer
teams at Saint Katharine Drexel.
The extraordinary décor of our
church as reflected in the
liturgical seasons of the Church
year is a combined effort of so
many volunteers who labor to
create through environment and
art an invitation to lead us to a
deeper experience of prayer.
Thank you to all of our volunteers
– your creative and God-given
gifts are most appreciated!

Liturgical Ministers and Volunteers

To all of our greeters, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, readers, volunteers who so generously offer their time, talent and treasure – we are a greater communities of faith through your dedicated example of humble service – Thank you!

Easter Flower Memorials

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter flower memorial at Saint James Parish and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. Thanks to your generosity, the flowers adorning our church buildings reflect such beauty as is fitting for the Resurrection of the Lord and in celebration of the 50 day season of Easter. Your loved ones and family members are remembered in prayer during the Masses that are being offered in the Easter season!

Fish Fry & Easter Holiday Roll Volunteers

Tremendous gratitude is extended to all of our volunteers at our two parishes for the extraordinary efforts for the Fish Fry's and Easter Holiday Rolls/ Pascha bread. So many hours of dedicated time and talent have been generously offered for the benefit of our parishes. Thank you for your witness and example of service and for all of the wonderful meals, homemade Easter holiday rolls and Pascha bread for the Lenten and now Easter seasons!

Hospitality/Outreach

To the members of the Hospitality Team at Saint James and the Social and Outreach Organization at Saint Katharine Drexel, for all the wonderful homemade soups and artisan breads for the Lenten Theme talks. Also for the wonderful receptions that were held following the Easter Vigils. Thank you!

Pastoral Staff

To the devoted members of the pastoral staffs of both parishes, we are so blessed by your ministry and faithful leadership which is dedicated to serving so many pastoral and spiritual needs for our parishes. We are most grateful.

Easter Duty

During the Easter season – every Catholic is encouraged to make a thorough examination of conscience followed by a good confession in the Sacrament of Penance. This is known as the fulfillment of one's Easter Duty and is rooted in the consistent teaching of the Church as first recorded in the Council of Trent and is reaffirmed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "According to the Church's command, 'after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.' Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition. without having first received sacramental absolution" (CCC, paragraph 1457). The Sacrament of Penance is available at a variety of days and times at both our parishes. Consult the bulletin for details.

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Daily Mass Intentions



MONDAY, April 1	17 Easter Weekday
6:30 AM (IC)	∜ <i>Valerie Molinaro</i> (Jim Leonard)
8:30 AM (R)	[⊕]Jackie Kay (Paul Gee & Joe Dee)
9:00 AM (B)	
12:00 PM (IC) L	⊕ Charles Tripoli (Theresa Stewart)
7:00 PM (H)	☆ August & Mary Schriskey (Janet Carey)
TUESDAY, April	18 Easter Weekday
6:30 AM (IC)	
8:30 AM (R)	⊕ Bill Jobes (Shawn & Monica Bellecini)
9:00 AM (B)	
12:00 PM (IC) L	⊕ <i>Alfred Tiano</i> (Hank & Sandy)
WEDNESDAY, Ap	oril 19 Easter Weekday
6:30 AM (IC)	⊕ Mary F. Sawchuck (Daughters Andrea & Michelle)
9:00 AM (B)	⊕ Joseph Kendra (Rita Milchovich)
12:00 PM (IC) L	⊕ <i>Patty Ondash</i> (Linda Kubacka)
THURSDAY, Apri	I 20 Easter Weekday
6:30 AM (IC)	⊕ Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Balcastro (Family)
8:30 AM (R)	⊕ <i>Eda Niverth</i> (John & Debbie Kallis)
9:00 AM (B)	⊕ Glen Yancoskie (Son) (Tony Yancoskie)
12:00 PM (IC) L	⊕ Folkens Family (Sara Godley)
FRIDAY, April 21	Easter Weekday
6:30 AM (IC)	⊕ Midge Satina (Regis Satina & Judy Skerbetz)
8:30 AM (R)	⊕ Joan & Beezer Corazzi (Tara Rebar)
9:00 AM (B)	⊕ Deceased Members of First Catholic Slovak Union (Branch 853) (FCSU Branch 853)
	⊕ Dee Edmonds (Randy Edmonds)
SATURDAY, Apri	I 22 Easter Weekday
9:00 AM (IC)	⊕ M. Scot Curran (Wife & Children)

L denotes Livestreamed Masses YouTube: StJamesParishWashPa **A** indicates an Anniversary and **B** indicates a Birthday

Saint James Parish Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Membership Information				
Name:		email:		
Address:				
City:	Zip:	Phone:	Cell	Phone:
Check □SKD Parish	☐Saint James Parish	□New Registration	□Change of Address	☐Moving out of Parish
For more in	Note: Use of this form on the Sai	•	egister you with the paris 225-1425 SKD Parish	

Weekend Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy			
SATURDAY, Apr	SATURDAY, April 15		
4:00 PM (B)			
4:00 PM (H) L	⊕ Donnie Stritmatter (Family)		
5:30 PM (IC)	⊕ Antoinette Rhome (A) (Family)		
SUNDAY, April 1	16		
8:00 AM (H) L	[↑] The People of St. James Parish		
9:00 AM (R)	☆ Rensfield Jarvis Family (Aimee Gordon Jones)		
9:00 AM (SH)	↑ The People of St. James Parish		
10:30 AM (IC)	⊕ Toni "Nunnie" Cypher (Family)		
11:00 AM (B)			
12:15 PM (IC)			
5:30 PM (NC)	[↑] The Students, Faculty, & Staff of W & J College		
Third Sunday of Easter			
SATURDAY, Apr	ril 22		
4:00 PM (B)	☆ The People of St. Katharine Drexel		
4:00 PM (H) L	⊕ Dr. Franklin Kuzy (Dr. Karen Kuzy)		
5:30 PM (IC)			
SUNDAY, April 2	23		
8:00 AM (H) L	⊕ Anthony Buzzelli (Family)		
9:00 AM (R)	↑ The People of St. Katharine Drexel		
9:00 AM (SH)			
10:30 AM (IC)	⊕ Sarah Polacek (John & Debbie Rheel)		
11:00 AM (B)	☆ Kevin R. Organiscak (Agnes & Allen Rusilko)		
12:15 PM (IC)			
5:30 PM (NC)	[⊕] The People of St. James Parish		



IC: Immaculate Conception

R: Richeyville B: Bentleyville H: St. Hilary

SH: Sacred Heart

NC: W & J Newman Center

L: Mass is Livestreamed

Our Youtube Channel:

StJamesParishWashPa

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact the administration center to make arrangements. Pre-Baptism classes are obligatory.

MARRIAGE: Couples must contact a priest at least six months prior to the proposed date. Marriage instructions are compulsory.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If a parishioner is seriously ill or about to have surgery, please notify the administration center/parish office.

PENANCE: Appointments are available if the regularly scheduled Confession times are not convenient.

RCIA & RCIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children: For those who have not received all sacraments of initiation and for those who would like to become a Catholic.

Please contact the parish offices.

In your charity, please pray for

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy
Communion for the second grade students
in our faith formation programs will be held
for Saint James Parish and celebrated on
Saturday May 6, 2023 at 12:00 NOON in
Saint Hilary church and on Saturday, May
13, 2023 at 12:00 NOON in Saint Hilary
church. It will be celebrated at Saint
Katharine Drexel Parish will be held on
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM in the
Bentleyville Main Church Let us remember
our candidates and their families in our
prayers!

Prayer for First Communion Candidates

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharistic presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life.

Amen.

Prayer for End of War between Russia and Ukraine

God our Father,
we pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of
Russia; for their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid;
that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.
We pray for all those who have the power over life and death;
that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ. Above all, Lord, we pray for peace for Ukraine.

fullness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

骨In Memoriam骨

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Rose Teluch, buried from Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer List

<u>Saint James Parish</u>: Sarah Nickel, Caden Kane, Mary & Tony Patterson, Liza Kopp, Dennis & Judy Lewandowski, Richard Nevin, Jessica Florian, Mary Jo Guy, Dan Morris, Fr. Jim Young, Brady Markley, Nathan Litvak, Kristen Messer, Kevin Patterson, Ryan & Ashley Dornon, Charlene MacDonald, Adaline Hruby, Rick Simmons, Sheryl Giovanelli, John Kiger, Barbara Woleslagle, Vincent Woleslagle, Eugene Castle, Kathy Haught, Jim "Bucky" Selway, Matt Petrola, Alka Kopec, David Borkowski, Rosemary Dittman, Ray Durbin, Jennifer Markley, Catherine Lopez, Amanda Marie, Matthew James Rendell, Jadon Michael Kalp, Adam Gracy, Mary Catherine Lombardo, Virginia Aloia, Fr. Don Chortos, Robert Rogers, Greg Carey, Timothy Lynch, Sean Machusko, Vaughn "Sandy" Crile, Scott Dillie, The Polocek Boy Twins, Vincent Caruso, John Napierkowski

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish: Patricia Begg

And all who have asked for our prayers.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, call the office, ext. 201 or send an email to tsushel@stjameswashpa.org. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, please be sure that you have their permission to be put on this public list. Thank you!

Divine Mercy Sunday - Devotions



In our Catholic tradition, the second Sunday of Easter is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." We are called to make the world more aware of Jesus as the One who is for us the Divine Mercy of God.

Jesus needs us to continue to care for the needs of each other. Caring as Jesus does means living a life that offers hope that the Divine Mercy of God is open to all, especially those who are most in need of healing.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023 the following will be offered at our parishes:

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Bentleyville Main Church

Beginning at the conclusion of the 11:00 AM Mass in the Bentleyville Main Church, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. A priest will be available for the Sacrament of Penance (individual confessions). Solemn Exposition, Benediction and Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place at 3:00 PM.

Saint James Parish Immaculate Conception church

Beginning at the conclusion of the 12:15 PM Mass in the Immaculate Conception church, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Priests will be available

for the Sacrament of Penance (individual confessions). Solemn Exposition, Benediction and Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place at 3:00 PM.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayers will be offered during the Holy Hour. All are invited to participate in Divine Mercy observances, offering praise to God and praying for those in need of healing that each of us may be instruments to mirror the Divine Mercy of Jesus by our daily lives of faith. Please plan to join us for this observance of prayer and Divine Mercy devotions!

Sacrament of Confirmation for BOTH our Parishes!

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred on candidates from Saint James Parish and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish by Bishop Zubik on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Immaculate Conception church.

Let us remember them in prayer as they enter into preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

God, our Father,
we ask you to bless all our Confirmation candidates
as they prepare to receive the spirit of your love
in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
May the gifts within each one be
touched by your Holy Spirit
and become blessings for our parishes.
Bless, too, our parents/ guardians, our sponsors,
our teachers and catechists, and all those who have
been the reflection of the love of Jesus for us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Welcome Newly Initiated Catholics!

Congratulations and welcome to the newly initiated of our parish faith communities. At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, 2023 the Sacraments of Initiation were celebrated for:

Jessica Allison

Newly Baptized/Confirmed/First Holy Communion Saint James Parish

Michael Barskite

Newly Baptized/Confirmed/First Holy Communion Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

Paul Stainbrook

Received into Full Communion Sacraments of Confirmation/First Holy Communion Saint James Parish

Prayerful best wishes and support are offered to our newly initiated! Congratulations to their family members, godparents and sponsors!

R.C.I.A. Team - We thank you!

Sincere appreciation is extended to the RCIA Faith Formation Team Members from both our parishes: Father Michael Peck, Father Mike Zavage, Father George Chortos, Deacon Mike Gatto, Brenda Mayer, Doug Stockdale, and Ann Puglisi. How grateful our parishes are for the dedicated devotion our RCIA team members offer in the many ways they work to form others in the rich gift of our Catholic faith! Thank you!

Parishioners from both are parishes are invited to welcome our newest initiated Catholics and to keep them in prayer as they continue in their faith journey with the Lord through the Church – breaking open the mysteries of our Catholic faith, and discerning, with our support, their own unique call to prayer and service.

All of these fully initiated Catholics participated in the RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) faith formation process which began in the months of Fall 2022. Participants in the RCIA faith formation process began with a period of inquiry, then moved through a time of discernment of God's will for their lives of faith, and finally completed the process with intensive study and formation in the Catholic faith with spiritual preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

If you are a non-Catholic or know anyone who is interested in inquiring further into the Catholic faith, contact the clergy team members, the priests and deacons of our parishes, contact information for phone and email is found on the directory page of our bulletin. They will share with you information regarding upcoming plans for a new RCIA cohort.

The RCIA process offers an informal way to explore the teachings, traditions, and customs of the Catholic Church followed by a deeper study for those who grow in the belief that God might be calling them to the Catholic faith!

If you are an inactive Catholic, WE MISS YOU! And JESUS and the CHURCH NEED YOU! We are waiting with joyful hearts to welcome you home to Christ through his Church! Allow us the opportunity to address with you anything that has been keeping you ways from the practice of the Catholic faith. Contact any of our clergy team members to arrange a personal appointment. The clergy team members welcome the opportunity to meet with you and to be of spiritual assistance to you!



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Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

"What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."

From the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship



SAINT JAMES PARISH WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023		
April 8th & 9th Easter Offering		\$24,021.77
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land		\$2,690.00
Annual Parish Appeal 2023		
Goal		\$170,956.00
Received		\$82,331.00
Balance		\$88,625.00

Thank you so much for giving!



We are **One**, **Holy**, **Catholic and Apostolic Church**, called to work together to support Jesus' mission.

That's what the Annual Parish Appeal (formerly Parish Share) is about. It supports diocesan-wide ministries – from outreach to local Latino communities to training our faith formation leaders – that benefit people across all six counties of our diocese.

Text **OneChurch** to 84576 to receive stories about the good things your donation to the Annual Parish Appeal will help to accomplish.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH Money Counters

April 17th: Jerry Blackburn & Chris Quinn April 24th: Stan Glowaski & Theresa Moser

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023	
Weekly Average Amount to Meet Fiscal Goal (Includes Christmas and Easter Collections)	\$6,154.00
Easter Sunday (Week 41 of 52)	\$17,158.00
Holy Thursday Collection for the Food Bank	\$1,868.00
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land	\$1,300.00
Budgeted Offertory Amount (Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023)	\$320,000.00
Actual Regular Offertory Amount to Date	\$264,911.00
768 Envelopes Sent - 301 envelopes received Attendance: 598	

Second Collections		
Capital Improvement	\$1037.00	
This Weekend - Saint Vincent de Paul Society		
Next Weekend - April 22nd & 23rd - Drexel Charities		

Partnership Parishes

Prayer for Blessing of Homes During the Easter Season

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord.

we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(As circumstances suggest, you may take holy water from your church that is blessed during the Easter season and bless the members of your family and your home. During the sprinkling you may say):

Leader:

Let this water call to mind our baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

Concluding Rite:

Leader:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and for ever.

Amen.

St. James & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes Bereavement Gathering

A Gathering for St. James & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes will be held on **Tuesday**, **May 23**, **2023 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in Drexel Hall/Wiggins Room**. The intent of the Gatherings is to reach out with love and spiritual support to all those grieving the death of a loved one.

If you have suffered the loss of a spouse, a parent, a child, or even a dear friend, the feelings of grief can seem like an endless black hole. Grief is a messy and complicated emotion that does not fit with anyone's cultural perceptions or timetable. While friends and family may be able to provide emotional support for a short time, they may hit their limit when they find that your grief extends far beyond the time, energy, and patience that they have to give. Truthfully, feelings of loss can last a lifetime, as you adjust not only to the absence of someone you love but to an entirely new way of life

as you plan a new course which does not include him or her.

The night will consist of prayer and fellowship, sharing experiences as well as food and drinks. Note that anyone is welcome to attend! Those interested in attending the next gathering, please contact Deacon Mike Gatto at the Parish Office by phone: 724-209-1370, ext. 405 or by email: mgatto@diopitt.org or by cell phone: 610-504-5047.

Annual Saint George Day Mass April 23, 2023

The Saint George Junior Tamburitzans and the Saint George Lodge 354 of the Croatian Fraternal Union will be present for Mass at the Bentleyville Main Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 23, 2023 with Reverend Michael R. Peck as the Principal Celebrant & Homilist. All are welcome to participate in the Mass!

Saint James Parish



This week...

Sunday:

- *Food Bank Collection Weekend
- *Religious Education
- *Youth Group (MS)
- *Youth Group (HS)

Tuesday:

- *Martha Washington Quilters
- *Faith Sharing Bible Study Group
- *Secular Franciscans
- *Dartball League Banquet

Wednesday:

- *Pro-Life Meeting
- *YG Coffee House

Thursday:

- *Pro-Life Thursday
- *St. James Quilters
- *Landings
- *Monica's Tears
- *Choir

Sunday:

- *Religious Education
- *Youth Group (HS)

Details are available on our website (on our calendar) or by calling the parish office, ext 206.



Jesus, I trust in you!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Walking-Outdoor Stations went very well.

Thank God for the great weather for this 2023 Good Friday.

I would like to thank the wonderful planning committee for our Walking Stations: Patty Watson, Charlie Watts, Joe Karnes, Heather Scanlon, Nate Herrmann, Caden Ondrejko, Kalsie Herrmann and Hope Herrmann. They did a marvelous job getting all the different aspects readied so the walk would go smoothly.

I would like to thank our outstanding Washington Police Department for keeping us safe along the way. Chief Dan Rush assured me he would get our people there safe and sound and HE DID! Thank you Chief AND YOUR WONDERFUL Officers Bruce and Dan.

Our magnificent Youth Group under the direction Liz Keener did a tremendous job with the production of the Stations of the Cross for our

prayer and reflection along the way. What an asset to our Saint James Parish.

Thank You!

Last, but far from least, I want to thank all the wonderful participants. It would not have been such a blessed experience if not for you. Your participation, reverence and cooperation made the whole experience a memorable event. Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter Season!

Sister Margaretta

Notes of Thanks received...

"Thank you so much for your very generous donations. Your gifts enable us to continue to support the poor and underprivileged in our community. God Bless."

Sincerely,

Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Saint James Parish

"On behalf of all the patients whose lives you helped saved, thank you for hosting a successful blood drive...as a result of your efforts, 34 blood products were collected, with 102 lives potentially impacted! Many thanks to the people of Saint James Parish!" Sincerely.

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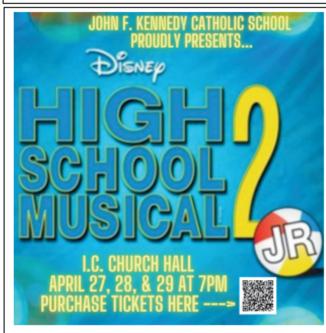


"It may not be easy, but it will be worth it."

Living Stations

Our middle school students presented Living Stations on March 31st. Thank you to the students and teachers for their hard work to make this performance a reality for this Lenten Season. If you have not attended Living Stations, please plan on attending next Lent!

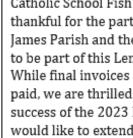




The JFK Scholarship Fund helps families afford a Catholic education

Thank you to the parishioners of St. James Parish and anyone who visited the St. James Parish/JFK Catholic School Fish Fry. We are so thankful for the partnership of St. James Parish and the opportunity to be part of this Lenten tradition. While final invoices are still being paid, we are thrilled with the success of the 2023 Fish Frv. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Fish Fry Committee lead by Deacon Barry and Robin Krofcheck, We would also like to thank Fr. Ed Yuhas for Fish Fry at the Immaculate Conception Church basement a success. We look forward to next vear!





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available in the school office for purchase. The school stocks Giant Eagle, Walmart, Amazon, and more! If you don't see what you need, gift cards are ordered twice each month! Stop to see us soon!

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Now Enrolling! Join the JFK Family! There are openings in PK3-8th grade. Some grades are filling up fast. Reserve your seat for the 2023-2024 school year soon! Transportation is provided from most area public school districts. Financial

aid packages are available for those

who qualify.

We hope to hear from you soon!

If you have questions about enrollment, scholarships, or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Laurie Bodart at 724-225-1680 or Ibodart@jfkcatholic.com

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Saint Katharine Drexel Parish News



Neighbors helping neighbors.

† St.Vincent de Paul The Society of SVdP, St. Katharine Drexel Conference is having their Spring Bundle Drive, Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Bentleyville church

Bundle up your clean, usable items into boxes and bags. You can donate clean clothing, household items, and small working appliances. Please do not bring items that need repaired, and do not drop items off on the church property at any other time or location. Thank you for your generosity!!

Drexel Hall Reception Center/ Bentleyville - Available for Party Rentals

Drexel Hall Reception Center in Bentleyville is available for rent for your gatherings/ parties [Baptism receptions, First Holy Communions, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers, wedding showers, etc.] Please contact Stan Glowaski, Scheduling Manager - for a complete list of available dates/times, rental fees, etc. Stan can be reached by calling 724-239-3673.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Dolores #1675, are having a Baby Shower for Genesis! All parishioners are invited to support this worthwhile cause! They are collecting items at all Masses on May 13th & 14th.

The items needed are as follows:

Diapers Baby Bottles Pacifiers Receiving Blankets **Bassinets New Sippy Cups Toilet Tissue Infant Swings** Strollers **Baby Wipes** Baby/Children's Books Bus Passes Onesies/Sleepers (Sizes 0-3 & 3-6 months)

Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, Grocery Store

Lector Schedule

April 15/16, 2023 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

4:00pm John Dziak 9:00am Katie Gordon 11:00am Michelle Alton

April 22/23, 2023 (Third Sunday of Easter)

4:00pm Marlene Oreski Patty Prekrel 9:00am 11:00am Ande Raymond



Saint Katharine Drexel Rosary Prayer Group

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish is pleased to have a Rosary Prayer Group. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Mondays beginning at 6:00 PM in the Drexel Hall Chapel. If you have any questions, contact the Rosary Prayer Group Coordinator: Mary Jo Stein by phone at 724-267-3008. Come and join in these Catholic devotions!

Second Collection Next Weekend: **Drexel Charities**

The second collection next weekend. April 22/23, 2023 will be for **Drexel Charities**. In the spirit of our parish patroness, Saint Katharine Drexel, whose entire ministry was working to provide assistance to the most vulnerable of society, our parish has established **Drexel Charities**. We are partnered with the extra mile schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to assist African American children afford Catholic education in our Catholic schools. Drexel Charities also supports Saint Michael Indian School in Arizona which was founded by Saint Katharine herself. Your generosity assists Indian children afford Catholic education. You are invited to be as generous as you are able for the second collection next weekend to benefit **Drexel Charities**. Thank you!

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish News

Calendar & Events

Weekly Calendar for Saint Katharine Drexel Sunday, April 16, 2023

9:00 AM LIFT Faith Formation Session

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Drexel Hall Chapel

6:00 PM LIFT Core Team Meeting Drexel Hall/Conference Room

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

12 NOON Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Richeyville Mission Church/Conference Room

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00 AM Sacramental Prep Session Drexel Hall

"Sunday Supper"

Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner 10:30 AM until Sold Out! Eat in or takeout: 724-209-1370, extension 424



The Knights of Columbus Council #5826 will celebrate 57 years since their charter was issued by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council on April 26th. The council was founded by members of Charleroi Council 956 who were then members of the former St. Luke, St. Clement and St. Joseph parishes in the local community.

All members and guests are invited to a catered dinner in the Wiggins Room in Drexel Hall on Wednesday, April 26th beginning at 6:30pm. The council will have on display numerous photographs and items of their 57 years as a council.

Members can make reservations by responding to the Knights of Columbus email list or sign up at the council meetings on March 29 or April 15.

Please join us in celebrating the history of Council #5826.

Saint Katharine Drexel Prayer List

Will you please help us update the Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Prayer List?

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, call 724-225-1425, ext. 201 or send an email to tsushel@stjameswashpa.org.



Attention, Students in Middle School, High School, and your families!

We would like you to check out our Youth Ministry!

With fun, fellowship, and the Gospel, we have three goals.

Goal 1: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Goal 2: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Goal 3: To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

- Middle School Gatherings 4/16 from 3:30
 -4:30 Saint Hilary Hall
- High School Gathers 4/16, & 4/23 5-6:30 at Saint Hilary Hall
- High School Top Golf 4/18
- Holy Spirit Fundraiser 4/29 & 4/30

If you would like more information about our Youth Ministry or just want to have a friendly chat, contact Lis Keener at 724-225-1425, ext 222 or email her at ekeener@stjameswaspa.org

April 23rd ... Sunday Supper at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish



"Chicken Breast Dinner" - stuffed with homemade stuffing

Dinner includes: whipped potatoes, corn and dinner roll \$14.00 per dinner - Limited Dinners - Until Sold Out

Eat-Ins start at 11:00 AM — Take-outs too with curbside pick-up Order Early - 10:30 AM - 724-209-1370 ext. 424

Additional option add-on – Mini-bundt cake: \$4.00

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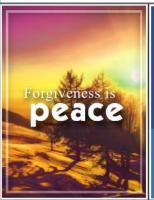


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